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SECURITY OFFICER CORE SUBJECTS (01E)
PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this period of instruction, the student will correctly indicate the following on a written examination, or demonstrate during practical exercises, in accordance with the instruction provided:

1. Section 9.1-141 as the cite from the Code of Virginia which empowers the Criminal Justice Services Board to regulate Private Security Services Businesses;
2. That § 9.1-143 provides authority to the Private Security Services Advisory Board to advise the Criminal Justice Services Board on issues relating to Regulations of Private Security Services Businesses;
3. The correct definitions of Armed Security Officer and Unarmed Security Officer;
4. That “persons” are forbidden from engaging in private security services business unless they possess a business license;
5. The definition of “Security Officer” contained in § 9.1-138. It does not include the protection of public safety and welfare as a duty of the Security Officer;
6. Individuals applying to the department for registration must submit two completed fingerprint cards with their application;
7. That a security officer/courier may only perform security duties while employed by a licensed private security services business; (9.1-139)
8. That a registrant may not carry a firearm on duty without possessing a valid firearms endorsement;
9. That a registrant may not carry a firearm concealed while on duty unless he possesses a valid registration with firearms endorsement, a concealed weapon permit and permission of the business employing the registrant;
10. That a registered person must display his registration on demand to a law enforcement officer, department personnel or client;
11. That wearing a security company uniform or display of a badge while off-duty is established per company policy;
12. That an unarmed officer may be employed by a private security services business for up to 90 days while completing mandated training;
13. That an unarmed security officer may never carry a firearm while on duty;
14. That if wearing a military or law enforcement style uniform on duty, the uniform must have at least one insignia clearly identifying the name of the licensed firm employing the officer;

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15. That all security officers must complete in-service training every two years;
16. That an Armed Security Officer must attend firearms retraining and requalification once each year;
17. That the department may impose sanctions against any “person” in violation of the laws or regulations governing private security services businesses or personnel in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
18. “Minimum force” as the amount of force that should be used to control a confrontation;
19. “Time to respond” and “evaluation of the situation” as the two key elements in determining what level of force to use to control a situation;
20. That “control of behavior” is the proper goal in using verbal alternatives to confrontation;
21. The correct definition of a chemical “agent”;
22. Colors used in the NFPA 704 system with their associated category of threat;
23. The “special hazard” area of the NFPA 704 sign contains characters to identify the type of threat found in a facility;
24. “Company policy” as the factor which will determine if a security officer is allowed to carry chemical aerosols on duty;
25. “Law, Act or Omission and Intent” as the three elements of the formula which constitute a crime;
26. Section 18.2 of the Code of Virginia as the criminal code of Virginia;
27. That Section 18.2-8 defines a crime which is “punishable by death or confinement in the penitentiary” as a felony;
28. The proper visual designations for the four classifications of fires;
29. Each stage in the development of a fire with its characteristics;
30. The proper steps in the use of a fire extinguisher as described by the acronym PASS;
31. The four motivations of groups or individuals who use bombs;
32. The correct minimum distance to evacuate personnel from a building suspected of containing a bomb as 300-400 feet;
33. “Recording the telephone bomb threat exactly as given” as a critical part of documentation of a telephone threat;

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- 34. The three levels of law in the United States as Federal Law, State Law and Local Ordinance;
- 35. Understand internal and external perimeter security;
- 36. Understand categories of access control—people, property, vehicles—and procedures/policies for each;
- 37. Know the procedures/policies for authenticating and verifying employee and visitor ID.
- 38. How to prepare for foot and/or vehicle patrol.
- 39. How to conduct foot and/or vehicle patrol.
- 40. How to respond to various types of emergencies.
- 41. Civil and criminal liability.
- 42. Understand how exceeding their authority may incur legal and/or financial penalties.